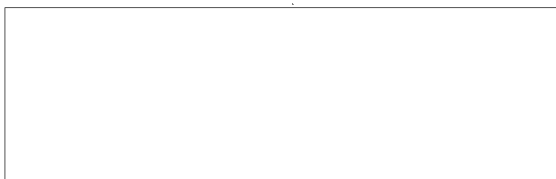


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1. Soviet forces
in Cuba

a. Low-level photography of
the outbound Baikal on Saturday
showed about 70 persons on the deck
of the Soviet passenger ship.

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2. SAMs in Cuba

a. Castro has intimated--in his Friday night - Saturday morning speech--that he wants or expects Cubans to have a part in the handling of the SAM system.

b. The hint came in this rambling passage: "Right now we have a problem...an enormous quantity of equipment, magnificent equipment... without the technical personnel.... We need a good technician to manage a surface-to-air missile, but at the same time we take him out of school. No, it hurts to lose a good technician. What to do?"

3. Belgium-NATO

a. Spaak has put forward an idea which he feels would bring in substantial European support for a multilateral NATO force.

b. His proposal, still only schematic, is for the creation of a "European component" in a NATO multilateral force which would embrace Britain, Belgium, West Germany, Italy, and any other European nation which wants to take part.

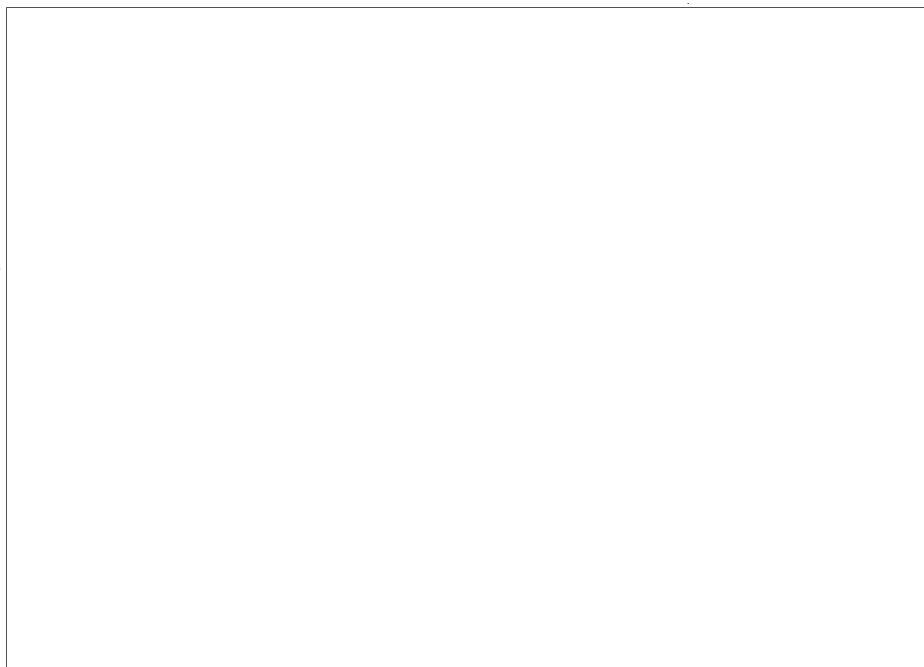
c. The European component would apparently be parallel to a US component, but the relationship is not spelled out.

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d. Besides giving momentum to the MLF, Spaak reasons, the plan would also frustrate De Gaulle's efforts to exclude the British from a political role in Europe.

e. Despite his enthusiasm for early action on the MLF, Spaak has yet to sell his own government on Belgian participation. The Belgian Defense Minister is raising objections on both military and financial grounds.

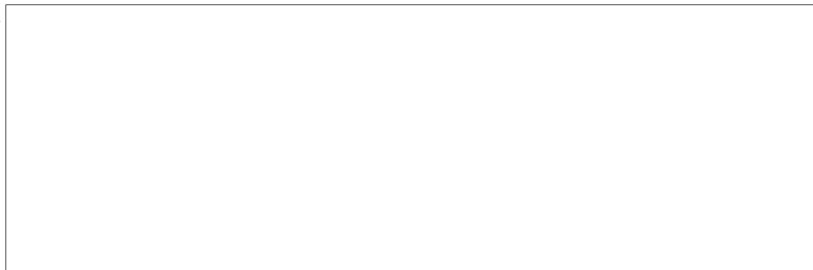
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5. South Korea

a. Former security chief Kim Chong-Pil



boarded a plane for Tokyo today. He begins what is being described as a 50-day tour as "ambassador-at-large."

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6. Uruguay

a. Troops moved into the struck electrical and telephone installations by the government have brought service back to about two-thirds of normal.

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b. The striking utilities union is Communist-controlled. However, the party, in a cautious mood, is working to choke off sentiment for a general strike in the Uruguayan Federation of Labor which it also dominates. Communist leaders reckon that broadening of the strike will bring an angry public reaction down on them, and invite stiff government countermeasures.

c. There is some unhappiness within the governing Council of State and among the military over the indecisiveness and economic ineptitude of the plural executive. However, discussion of a coup seems to be well short of the point of action.

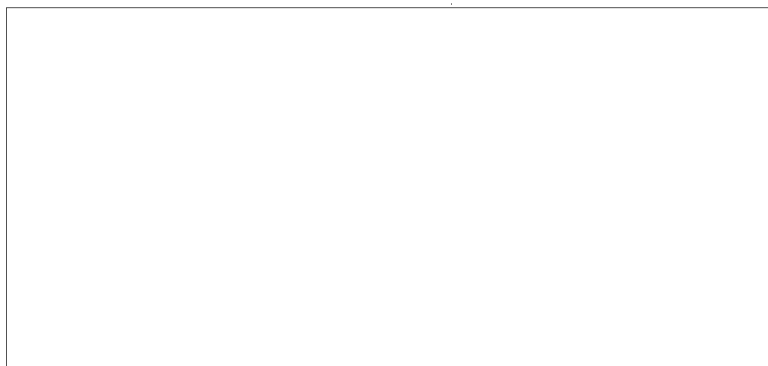
7. Haiti

a. President Duvalier's grip is becoming increasingly uncertain.

b. Duvalier has security forces to deal handily with any show of dissidence, but there is mounting evidence of sullen defiance, especially from Haitian students.

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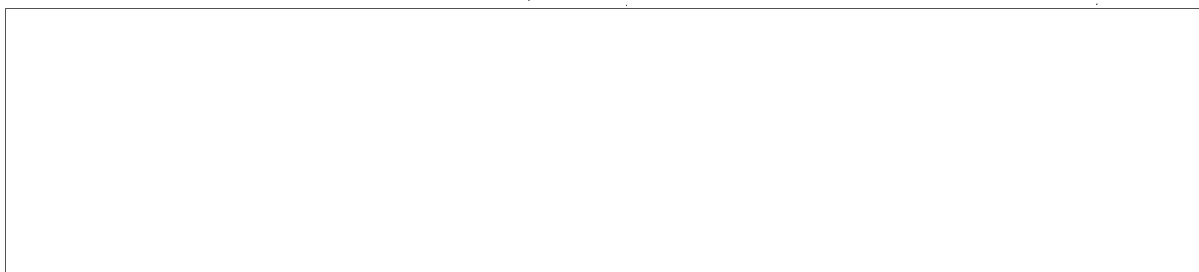
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NOTES

- A. Dominican Republic Bosch called in the armed forces chiefs on Saturday to try to soothe fears that he is planning to reshuffle the military hierarchy. The US service attachés in Santo Domingo report that he seems to have made some headway.



- C. Somalia The demonstrations against our embassy in Mogadiscio yesterday were apparently a by-product of demonstrations against British support of Kenya in a border dispute with Somalia. The grievance against the US is actually unrelated: we supply arms to Somalia's traditional enemy Ethiopia. Press references to "4,000 troops in action" apparently derive from a long-planned British military exercise scheduled to begin tomorrow in the border area.
- D. Sino-Soviet Relations Mao Tse-tung met with the Soviet Ambassador in Peiping last Friday, the first time he has dealt directly with a Soviet official in several years. Although the brief formal announcement called the meeting cordial, it came at a time when the Chinese party press appeared to be preparing the way for a new step in the Sino-Soviet controversy.

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- E. Indonesia-USSR Four Komar guided-missile patrol boats have been sighted on the deck of a Soviet ship bound for Indonesia. The Indonesians are scheduled to receive 12 of the Komars.

- G. France-Brazil Paris has recalled the destroyer which had been dispatched to back French lobstermen off the Brazilian coast. However, a smaller warship is being sent in its place. The French seem intent on keeping the dispute within bounds but show no inclination to concede on the legal points at issue.